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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 1965-66 HUNTING SEASONS FOR CERTAIN MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has approved specific dates for 1965-66 hunting seasons on mourning and white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, gallinules, woodcock, and snipe in the various States; for certain sea ducks along the Northeastern coast; and for waterfowl, coots, and cranes in Alaska.

The action followed a review of recommendations submitted by State game administrators. Full details of the new seasonal dates approved by Interior are being published in the Federal Register.

The State game and fish departments will announce actual opening and closing dates for their respective States. Hunters are urged to check their State regulations, which in many cases are more restrictive than those approved by the Department of the Interior.

In approving the seasons, Secretary Udall pointed out that extensive surveys by the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife determine the population status for the various species.

Interior uses this information to establish a framework of season lengths, shooting hours, bag limits, and dates within which all open seasons must fall. This framework is then forwarded to each State for its guidance in recommending specific open seasons.

The surveys conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife indicated little change in the population of these game birds and bag limits and seasons will remain generally the same as they were last year.